

Bedfordshire County Chess Championship

Entries are invited for the 2018 Bedfordshire individual chess championship.

The tournament is open to players who qualify under at least one of the following criteria:

1. They are a member of an affiliated club (i.e. one that plays in the Bedfordshire Chess League);
2. They were born in the county; or
3. They live in the county

The tournament will be a six round Swiss. The opening round will be held at Milton Keynes Chess Club on January 4th 2018. Later rounds are as follows:

Round 2: 6th February, Leighton Buzzard

Round 3: 12th March, Luton

Round 4: 5th April, Bedford

Rounds 5&6: 13th May, Open University Berrill Cafe

As usual, if opponents can agree an alternative date and venue, then they need not play on the set night. Nevertheless, they must be played before the scheduled date.

The time limit is Beds League Rules, 35 moves in 70 minutes and then 10 minutes added, plus 10 seconds a move from move 1.

The prizes will depend on entries. There will be a cash prizes at least for the champion and runner up plus a slow starter prize. Slow starters are those with 1 or less points after 3 rounds. If there are enough entries there will be a grading prize.

The entry fee will be £5 for ECF members and £25 for non-members. Details to join the ECF are here:

<http://www.englishchess.org.uk/membership/joining/guide-to-joining-the-ecf/>. The cost for basic - bronze- level annual membership is £14 online.

Entries by e-mail to brian.valentine@ntlworld.com by 25th November, giving name, and club. The draw will be published by 15th December. Entry fees will be collected on the first night.

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